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SUBJECT:ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNING ENMOD CONVENTION

REF: USUN 6153

1. PLEASE INFORM ISSRAELYAN THAT POINTS HE RAISED IN DEC.14
CONVERSATION WITH AMB. BENNETT RE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNING
ENMOD CONVENTION ARE BEING GIVEN URGENT HIGH LEVEL CONSID-
ERATION BY USG. SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW, WE HAVE FOLLOW-
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ING INITIAL COMMENTS.

2. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR US AND USSR,
TAKING COORDINATED APPROACH, TO SIGN CONVENTION SIMULTANEOUS-
LY AT TIME IT IS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE, AND TO ENCOURAGE AS
MANY CO-SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS OF UNGA RESOLUTION ENDORSING

CONVENTION TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. WE HOPE IT WILL PROVE POSSIBLE FOR US TO SIGN WITHIN FIRST HALF OF JANUARY, AND SUGGEST THAT US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS JOINTLY EXPLORE WITH SECRETARIAT THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING THE CONVENTION WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME.

4. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT EITHER MAIN UN CENTER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR SIGNING, WE CONSIDER NEW YORK STRONGLY PREFERABLE, ESPECIALLY IF EARLY SIGNING DATE PROVES FEASIBLE. WE NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION THAT NEW YORK VENUE WOULD PROBABLY ENABLE MORE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN SIGNING ON DATE CONVENTION IS OPENED THAN WOULD BE THE CASE IN GENEVA.

5. WE HAVE NOT REACHED DECISION REGARDING LEVEL OF US SIGNATORY, ALTHOUGH WE OF COURSE ARE TAKING AMB. ISSRAELYAN'S OBSERVATIONS IN THIS CONNECTION INTO ACCOUNT. AGAIN, IF EARLY SIGNING DATE PROVES FEASIBLE, THERE MAY BE PRACTICAL OBSTACLES TO OUR SIGNING AT LEVEL SUGGESTED BY SOVIETS. WITHOUT WRITING OFF POSSIBILITY OF SIGNING AT HIGHER LEVEL, WE SUGGEST SOVIET SIDE CONSIDER WHETHER UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US PERMREP SCRANTON AND SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV TO SIGN, INASMUCH AS BOTH CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AT CURRENT UNGA ON BEHALF OF RESOLUTION CAUSING CONVENTION TO BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION.

6. IF SOVIETS CONCUR GENERALLY WITH APPROACH SET OUT ABOVE, WE SUGGEST THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH DELEGATIONS
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APPROACH SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO INQUIRE ABOUT FEASIBILITY OF OPENING CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE WITHIN TIME FRAME INDICATED ABOVE. MEANWHILE, WE WILL CARRY FORWARD OUR CONSIDERATION OF MODALITIES OF SIGNING AND KEEP IN CONTINUING TOUCH WITH SOVIETS IN MOSCOW AND NEW YORK.
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